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In re Application of:

For:

Goedeke et al

AUTOMATIC VOICE AND DATA RECOGNITION FOR MEDICAL DEVICE INSTRUMENT SYSTEMS

Serial No.:

09/731,178

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment before consideration of the abovereferenced patent application.

In the Specification

At page 1, line 17, please insert:

The present invention is compatible and complementary with the elements disclosed in the following pending applications: "Medical System Having Improved Telemetry," filed July 19, 1999, Ser. No. 09/356,340; "System and Method for Transferring Information Relating to an Implantable Medical Device to a Remote Location," filed on July 21, 1999, Ser. No. 09/358,081; "Apparatus and Method for Remote Troubleshooting, Maintenance and Upgrade of Implantable Device Systems," filed on October 26, 1999, Ser. No.09/426,741; "Tactile Feedback for Indicating Validity of Communication Link with an Implantable Medical Device," filed October 29, 1999, Ser. No.09/430,708; "Apparatus and Method for Automated Invoicing of Medical Device

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